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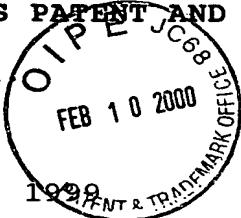
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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR 1.97 AND 1.98**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

February 10, 2000

Sir:

Pursuant to Applicants' duty of disclosure, enclosed please find copies of documents cited in connection with examination of a counterpart Japanese application to the above-identified application, and of an additional document (JP6-318459). Also enclosed is a List, on a form substantially equivalent to Form PTO-1449, of these enclosed documents.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted within three months of the filing date of the above-identified application. Accordingly, requirements of 37 CFR 1.97(b) are satisfied.

It is respectfully submitted that the requirements of 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3) are satisfied by the enclosed English translations of the titles and abstracts of the documents. In addition, JP6-168725 is a corresponding family application of U.S. Patent No. 5,340,670, which was cited during examination of prior application Serial No. 08/630,501.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all requirements of 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98 have been satisfied, in connection with the presently submitted documents. Accordingly, consideration of these documents, upon further examination of the above-identified application, are respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case No. 503.34465VC3) and please credit any excess fees to such Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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